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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of November, 1984)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November decreased by four from the October total. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists latest monthly report, the November total was 493 -- down five land crews and up one marine vessel from October.

The November total (493) represents a decrease of 1% from last month, a less than 1% decrease from November, 1983, a 2% decrease from November, 1982, a 33% decrease from November, 1981, a 14% decrease from November, 1980, a 12% increase over November, 1979, and a gain of 34% over the same month in 1978.

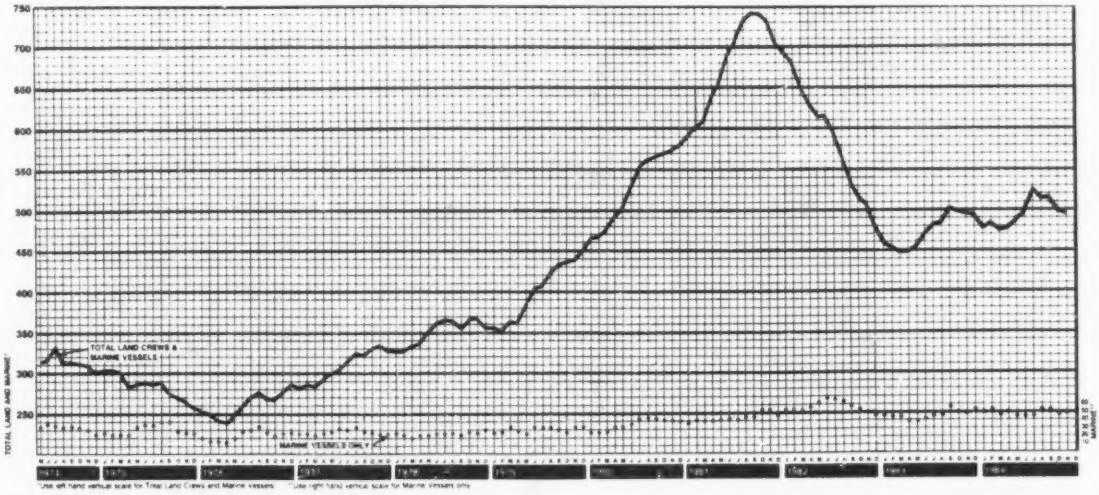
During November, fifteen contractors were operating twenty-six of the 407 land crews and two of the forty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 493	Last Month 497	Nov. 83 495	Nov. 82 502	Nov. 81 733	Nov. '80 572	Nov. 79 439	Nov. 78 369

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978
80 Contr's:	407	412	408	410	638	491	369	304	42	42	42	42	45	33	25	22
10 Oil Co's:	37	37	38	42	43	40	39	38	7	6	7	7	7	7	4	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
Totals:	444	449	446	452	681	531	408	342	49	48	49	50	52	41	31	27

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



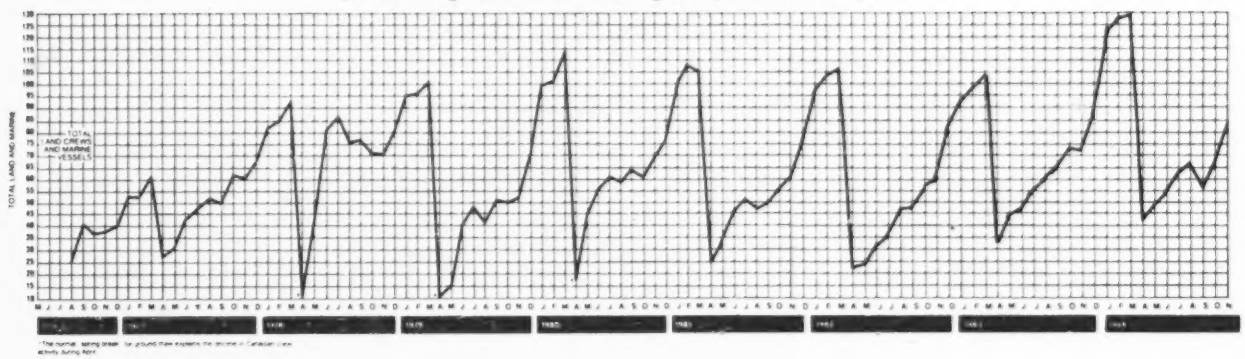
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

November, 1984 (October figures in parentheses)

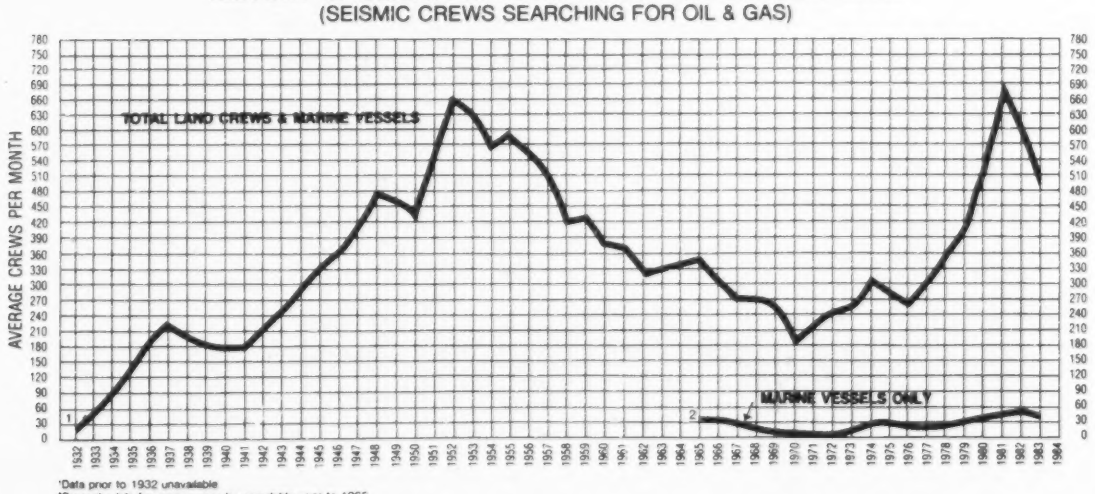
	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
27 Contractors:	75 (58)	6 (8)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	78 (61)	6 (8)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



[1]Data prior to 1932 unavailable
[2]Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965